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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE- PARKS PUBLIC PLANNING MEETINGS CONTINUE

The second of several parks master planning meetings for four City parks will be held Thursday, January 13, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Fairview Heights Neighborhood Center, located at 3621 Campbell Avenue.

At this meeting, members of the public will meet with City staff, landscape architects from Land Planning and Design Associates, and community organizations to begin the design process for Miller, Perrymont, College, and Younger Parks. "Citizen involvement is key," said Kay Frazier, Director of the Parks and Recreation Department. "We want our parks to reflect the needs and values of the community. Building community consensus is important and we look forward to working with citizens and community groups during the planning process."

At the first community meeting, held December 9, citizens reviewed the history and looked at the challenges and opportunities of each park. Citizens were given the framework for the master planning process, with a focus on understanding Lynchburg's 850-acre park system as a whole. Characterizing Miller Park as a community-wide park and Perrymont, Younger, and College as neighborhood parks, participants discussed a wide variety of issues affecting the community. Comments ranged from improving neighborhood connections, security, and lighting, to playground improvements, historic interpretation, playing fields, and urban forestry.

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